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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on January 10, 2006, Applicant hereby submits a copy of a Notification of Transmittal of Copies of Translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability that was mailed on June 1, 2006, with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/009741, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. The following documents were cited in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability:

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-504217;
- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-35018;
- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-216138; and

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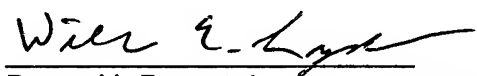
(4) U.S. Patent No. 5,891,150 to CHAN, which issued on April 6, 1999.

The relevance of these documents to the claims of the International application, as ascertained by the International Examiner, are set forth in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the same.

Applicant notes that all of the above-noted documents were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on January 10, 2006, and thus, copies of these documents are not provided herewith. Also, Applicant notes that no fee or certification is required to ensure consideration of these materials, as they were already submitted, as well as because no action on the merits has been issued in the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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